(*d*) The project is to irrigate a new area of 301,000 acres in the Tanjore district.

(*e*) Besides the new delta in the Tanjore district, the irrigation channels in Salem, Trichinopoly, Tanjore and South Arcot districts depending for their supply on the Cauvery below the Mettur Dam will get an assured and steady supply.

(*f*) According to the Revenue Estimate of 1928 (when the Revised Estimate for the project was sanctioned) a net revenue of Rs. 55,53,967 was expected. According to the Revised Revenue forecast of December 1931 the net revenue is expected to be Rs. 57,12,866.

(*g*) The revenue originally expected in 1932–33 was Rs. 30,333 but the amount actually realized was Rs. 1,525.

Irrigation of the Pennar delta by the Tungabhadra waters.

* 199 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a report from the Engineering Department that it is feasible to bring the Tungabhadra water through the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal into the Pennar delta to help the delta ryots in the Nellore district in their earlier agricultural operations; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the Chief Engineer's report, dated the 27th July 1933, on the subject is placed on the table.[a]

Duties of Executive Engineers vis-à-vis the Irrigation Advisory Boards.

* 200 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the delta areas are for which Irrigation Advisory Boards have been constituted;

(*b*) what the objects are with which these Boards were started;

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer in each area is expected to attend all the meetings of the Board;

(*d*) whether the officer above mentioned is expected to send up subjects for discussion at the meetings of the Board;

(*e*) whether the Executive Engineers discharge these functions satisfactorily and without complaints from the members of the Irrigation Advisory Board; and

(*f*) whether the Executive Engineers consult the above Boards in all important matters concerning the interests and welfare of the ryots?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 241–244 infra.

A.—(*a*) Irrigation advisory boards have so far been constituted for the following deltaic areas:—

(1) Godavari Eastern delta.
(2) Godavari Central delta.
(3) Godavari Western delta.
(4) Kistna Eastern delta.
(5) Kistna Central and Western deltas.
(6) Cauvery delta.

(*b*) The boards have been constituted in order to give land-holders who are appointed to the boards an opportunity to make recommendations on questions of policy and other important matters affecting the interests of the particular irrigation system as a whole in contradistinction to the remedying of individual grievances.

(*c*) It is obligatory on the Executive Engineer to attend at least one out of every two meetings of the board.

(*d*) & (*f*) Such a course is within the discretion of the Executive Engineer concerned. Sometimes an Executive Engineer consults the advisory board on his own initiative.

(*e*) The Government believe so. They have received no complaints.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government is prepared to advise the Executive Engineers to consult the irrigation advisory boards for a change of policy?"

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The engineers usually do that, I believe."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask why irrigation advisory boards have been constituted only for five or six places and representation given?"

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Because they are important irrigation districts."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether in the Advisory Board for the Cauvery delta, any representation is given to the interests affected?"

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Such representation is given."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" What proportion of ryots are represented on the Advisory Board?"

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Whose opinion will prevail in the matter of opening irrigation panchayats?"

* The hon Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It rests with the Collector of the district."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Will Government advise the Collector of Guntur to open one more panchayat?"

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" If proposals are made to the Collector, he will consider them."